



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 1742**

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: ROBERT A. WEAVER *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/733,608

FILED: DECEMBER 8, 2000

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROCESSING A MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECE AT AN ELEVATED  
TEMPERATURE**

EXAMINER: SIKYIN IP

ART UNIT: 1742

CONF. No: 4198

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003 in the above-identified application. Please extend the period of time for response by two months to expire on March 17, 2004. Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in an attached replacement sheet and are discussed on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.